

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson IX.—Fourth Quarter, For Nov. 30, 1913.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Josh. iii, 7-17. Memory Verses, 12, 13—Golden Text, Isa. xli, 10—Commentary by Rev. D. M. Stearna.

In our last lesson we saw Joshua specially commissioned and encouraged as Israel's new leader. The remainder of the chapter told of his reminder to the Benjamites, the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, who had received their inheritance under Moses on the east of Jordan, that they should leave their wives, their families and their cattle and cross the Jordan with their brethren until they, too, should receive their inheritance.

The two and a half tribes stood by their agreement and encouraged Joshua with good words. It is worth noting that the oft quoted text, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num. xxxii, 23), is in connection with the possible failure of the two and a half tribes to help their brethren to find rest. It may well apply to believers who fail to carry the Bread of Life to those who have never heard of Him. Chapter ii tells us of Rahab, her faith in the God of Israel, her kindness to the two spies, her desire for the safety of her household and her promptness in binding the scarlet line in her window (ii, 11-13, 18, 21). Honorable mention of her is found in Heb. xi, 31; Jgs. ii, 23-25. She became the mother of Boaz, who married Ruth, and therefore the great-grandmother of David (Matt. i, 5; Ruth iv, 21, 22).

It is possible that Salmon, her husband, may have been one of the two spies whom she hid. She certainly hid, and her sin is not excused or overlooked, but she truly repented, and there is forgiveness for all such.

Josh. iii tells of the passing through Jordan, and chapter iv tells of the twelve stones set up in the bed of Jordan and at Gihon. We must ever keep in mind the reason why of all God's dealings with Israel, "That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty, and that they might fear the Lord God of Israel" (Josh. iv, 24; see also I Kings, vii, 43, 60; II Kings, xix, 19; Ps. cvl, 8).

If believers were living to honor the Lord more would testify as Rahab did. "I know, . . . for we have heard, . . . the Lord your God; He is God in heaven above and in the earth beneath" chapter ii, 8-11). The central object of our two lesson chapters today is "the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth" (iii, 13), mentioned ten times in chapter iii and seven times in chapter iv. The central person is the Living God (iii, 10), who is called by that name at least seven times (Deut. v, 26; I Sam. xvii, 26; II Kings xiv, 4; Hos. i, 10; Matt. xvi, 16; I Thess. i, 9, and in our lesson).

The great event is the crossing through Jordan on dry land. The great human instrument is Joshua, concerning whom the Lord said, "This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that as I was with Moses so I will be with thee" (iii, 7). "Those who honor the Lord He will honor."

This is another third day story (verse 2; see also ii, 16, 22). It may not appeal to some, but to me all safety and victory are associated with the greatest third day event in all history, the resurrection of our Lord from the dead, for if He be not risen all is vain. Jordan signifies river of judgment. The twelve stones of Gihon suggest risen with Christ, all reproach rolled away (v, 9). The ark of the covenant was the most remarkable type of Christ in the whole tabernacle, although every whit of it spoke of Him. What could be more suggestive of all safety depending upon Christ than the ark upon the shoulders of the priests in the midst of Jordan until everything was flushed and all the people were clean passed over? (iv, 10, 11).

The priests who bore the ark had to step into the water before the waters stood up upon a heap on the one side and ran off to the Dead sea on the other (verses 15-17). This must have been a trial of their faith, unlike the dividing of the Red sea, which seems to have divided before the people came actually to it.

As we go in life's journey our faith should be ever increasing, but He always deals with us as we are able, though longing oftentimes that we might have greater faith and grieved by our little faith, as He often was with His disciples (Matt. vi, 30; viii, 26; xiv, 31; xvi, 8), while the only two who pleased Him by great faith were the Roman centurion and the woman of Tyre and Sidon, both gentiles. It is profitable to notice that they were to watch the ark that they might know the way by which they should go (iii, 3, 4), and we are reminded of our instructions in Heb. xii, 1, 2, to run with patience, looking unto Jesus and to consider Him who endured. In the summer of 1873 I heard a sermon on the last clause of verse 4 at St. Catharines, Canada, "For ye have not passed this way heretofore," which has been a blessing to me ever since.

It is certainly good for a new year or any new departure, but it is equally good for every day of life, for every day is an untrodden way, and we never know the way and need to acknowledge Him in all our ways that He may direct our paths, for it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps (Prov. iii, 6; Jer. x, 23).

PERSONAL TRAITS OF HUERTA, MEXICO'S ARCH SCHEMER

A Far Seeing Man Whose Shrewdness Won the Admiration of Diaz.

OUT of three years of ceaseless imbroglio in Mexico several figures have been in the ascendancy only to wane with the coming of overwhelming power from hidden sources. But today aligned against each other are two figures that command the attention of the civilized world. They are Victoriano Huerta and General Venustiano Carranza.

Huerta as provisional president faced the most forceful revolution in the republic's history when General Carranza, governor of the state of Coahuila, declaring himself the constitutionally elected president of the country, declared war upon the faction charged repeatedly with responsibility for the assassination of President Madero.

Both Huerta and Carranza are military men reared in the Porfirio Diaz school. Huerta received his military training as a member of the Chapultepec cadets, an organization similarly constituted to the West Point of the United States. He early demonstrated that he was a born soldier. He was eighteen when Porfirio Diaz appointed him, then a resident of Chihuahua, to a cadetship. He passed four years in the military school and then joined a coast regiment.

But in 1892, at the age of thirty-five, he emerged once more as a man who had served twelve years of active, routine army life and with the rank of lieutenant colonel in command of a military station.

Parseeing, Merciless Strategy. He had many adventures with brigands, and one of them happened to be a turning point in his career, says a writer in the New York Press. On a certain day he was riding through a mountain pass, accompanied by two or three of his military family, when a group of men sprang out of the underbrush, covered them with rifles and called on them to surrender.

A man less able than Huerta might have made resistance. He did not. His mind leaped far ahead to a possible denouement worth while, and probably to the inner disgust of his companions, he surrendered at once without even a show of fight.

Pleased as could be, the highwaymen admitted that they were part of Zegaza's bandits and conducted the distinguished prisoners to Zegaza's hut, and there after a brief parley Zegaza made a proposition whereby Huerta would receive material benefits if he would keep Zegaza informed of the days when Huerta's soldiers would be absent from a neighboring village, leaving it unprotected.

"Let me know in advance," said Zegaza, "when you are going to send your troops away from the village to patrol surrounding country, and on such days my band will quietly drop into the village, take any wines, food and money we may be in need of and depart without the necessity of killing any villagers or putting you to the trouble of fighting us."

Rewarded by Porfirio Diaz. This is what Zegaza is reported to have said to Huerta, but what special

RULING ON GRAIN GRADES UPHELD BY THE DEALERS

Association Favors Standardization of Foreign Cereals by Government.

Representatives of the National Grain Dealers' association have formally notified Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture in Washington that the organization favored the government's proposed standardization of foreign grades.

The adoption of the new grades by the association was over the protest of representatives of the Baltimore chamber of commerce, who declared that the promulgation of the new grades would seriously affect their export trade, the largest in the country.

Many of the speakers at a hearing recently, while favoring the proposed grades, urged modifications. In place of the government's proposed No. 3 corn, with a moisture content of 17.5 per cent, they urged the substitution of a grade to be called "standard" and making the government's proposed No. 4 a No. 3 with a moisture test of 19.5 per cent. This, they pointed out, would leave the present grades practically unchanged and would give the producer an incentive to produce a "standard" grain with a moisture test of 17.5 per cent.

In view of the action of the Grain Dealers' association, agricultural department officials expect no other legislation, aside from the pure food law, will be needed for enforcing the new grades, which will be promulgated soon.

A Peter's Pence Coin Brings \$1,075. A gold coin, one of the 365 manuces which King Offa (A. D. 757-796) agreed to pay yearly to Pope Adrian I, as Peter's pence, has just been sold for \$1,075 in London. It weighs sixty-six grains.

OF HUERTA, ARCH SCHEMER

As Soldier Made Study of His Country, With an Eye to the Future.

inducements he may have offered is not recorded. But it is recorded that within two weeks Huerta sent a message of two words to Zegaza, and the two words were: "Next Thursday."

Thursday came, and with it came to the village Zegaza and his band of outlaws. As soon as they were safely in the main street a detachment of Huerta's troops suddenly appeared in front of them and opened fire.

Several of Zegaza's men toppled from their saddles and fell to earth dead. Others were wounded, and all were at once surrounded and placed under arrest. Zegaza himself, described as a fearless, desperate man, was shot one week later, "in an attempt to escape from prison," according to the report at the time.

News of this sharp, quick, strategic action reached President Diaz, who had kept his eye on Huerta ever since as a lad he entered the military school at Chapultepec. Soon Lieutenant Colonel Huerta was ordered to report at the palace in Mexico City. Thither he went and was told to choose what post he liked best under the war department.

Knows Every Inch of Mexico. His choice was not that of commanding a garrison in a city where he could attend dinners and balls and where he could see the drama, associate with interesting men and meet charming women. Instead of such a post he chose to be appointed chief of the geographical department—to the surprise of all who did not know him well.

And as soon as possible he again departed from Mexico City, and for another period of ten long years he was engaged in going from one end of Mexico to another, studying the location of rivers, plateaus, mountain ranges, surveying hundreds and thousands of square miles and becoming intimately acquainted with every nook and cranny and water course of his difficult country until, when he once more emerged in 1902, he probably possessed more intimate personal knowledge of Mexico than any other living man.

He finished this survey and map-making work with the rank of a brigadier general.

Bravery Unquestioned. General Huerta was born in Chihuahua about sixty years ago. He is married and has several children.

In personality General Huerta is a man of strong will and a severe disciplinarian. While recently the statement has been made that his supremacy in the Mexican government has made him wealthy; on the other hand, he is said to be comparatively poor. His personal bravery is unquestioned, as indicated by his act in saving a small community of foreign residents from rebel attack while in command of the southern troops under President Diaz. With but a few accompanying him, General Huerta rode through the rebel lines in an automobile and returned at the head of a force sufficient to drive off the attacking body.

FIND COMPLETE FRAME OF PREHISTORIC ANIMAL

Skeleton of Horned Dinosaur Unearthed in Alberta, Canada.

Enough bones of the monoclonius, or horned dinosaur, have at last been unearthed from the Red Deer river region in Alberta, Canada, to form the first complete skeleton of the prehistoric creature. Barnum Brown of the staff of the American Museum of Natural History, in New York city, has just returned with a carload of bones of the dinosaur and other mammoth animals which flourished in the Red Deer river region some 3,000,000 years ago, it is estimated.

Fragments of the bones which now make up the first complete skeleton of the monoclonius were first discovered in 1876. The skeleton complete shows that the creature stood about five feet high and was fifteen feet long. Besides the monoclonius there were found parts of three new species of the horned dinosaur and sufficient material to complete the skeleton of an ankylosaurus, a weird creature, which had a coat resembling a suit of armor and carried a sort of club at the end of its tail. The discoveries made the dinosaur collection of the Natural History museum the finest of the sort in the world.

Artist's Picture Drove Him to Suicide.

Fearing he was becoming a living likeness of his own painting of a human derelict, Albert B. Schults, for many years a prominent sketch artist in New York city, committed suicide. Schults, whose pictures until only a few years ago were sought by the popular magazines and illustrated journals, was one of the last of the old school of artists who did their work on wood blocks.

But This Really Happened. "Son," said the man in the automobile, stopping in front of the farmhouse, "is this the right road to Geenville?" "Yes, sir," answered the farmer's boy. "How far is it from here?" "Well, sir, if you keep on going I reckon it's about 24,988 miles, but if you turn back an' go the other way it ain't more'n about two. You must have slipped through it without!" "—" bellowed the automobilist, starting his machine again and turning around in the road. "You're welcome," said the farmer's boy.—Chicago Tribune.

A Fly Song. Ten little flies All in a line; One got a swat! Then there were Nine little flies, Grimly sedate, Licking their chops— Swat! There were Eight little flies Raising some more— Swat! Swat! Swat! Swat! Then there were Four little flies Colored green-blue; Swat! (Ain't it easy?) Then there were Two little flies Dodged the civilian— Early next day There were a million! —Buffalo News.

The Black Hand Again! Mrs. Collins found the following Black Hand letter pinned to her door one morning: "Dear Mrs Collins—Unless you put a jar of jam, a hunk of chokolit cake, an apple pie an' a bag of candy down by the old well we will steel your littel boy and keep him, unless you pay us a milyun dollars. The Black Hand." The letter has been handed to the police, and the criminals will soon be brought to justice. To date Mrs. Collins' little boy has been the only one seen in the vicinity of the old well.—Judge.

Impressionistic. The office coat hangs on a nail; In shirt sleeves now the boss appears; Somebody tells a fishing tale, And everybody seems all ears; The straw hat cleaner rakes the cash; On sport page blooms the baseball bard; Upon the street the late styles clash— Oh, yes, the grind is getting hard! The actor's off for Europe now, Or anyhow that's what he prints; The city man longs for a cow And buys whole stacks of farming hints; The graduate's impassioned plea Will challenge soon the world's regard; Revamped is summer hostelry— Oh, yes, the grind is getting hard! —Denver Republican.

AUDITORS' NOTICE. Estate of Ella Gilon, late of the Borough of Honesdale, Pa., deceased.

The undersigned Auditor, appointed by the Orphans' Court to hear and determine all claims on the assets and report distribution of said estate will attend to the duties of his appointment on Tuesday, December 23, at 10 a. m., at his office in the Borough of Honesdale, at which time and place all claims against said estate must be presented or recourse to the fund for distribution will be lost.

F. P. KIMBLE, Auditor.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of JOHN B. LEONARD, Late of Scott Township.

All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested for settlement.

W. B. RAYMOND, Executor. Sherman, Pa., Oct. 30, 1913.

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WILLIAM H. DIMMICK, CHESTER A. GARRATT, Solicitors. Honesdale, Pa., Nov. 10, 1913. 91w3

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Estate of CLAYTON, YALE, Late of Lebanon Township.

All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested for settlement.

WILLIAM S. YALE, NORMAN TAYLOR, Executors. Cold Spring, Pa., Oct. 30, 1913.

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